

Amendments to the Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A transfer tool for lifting from a grill support surface and
2 transporting a row of food workpieces positioned on the surface to another location,
3 the tool comprising:
- 4 a. an elongated, rigid, workpiece-receiving panel having a length greater than its
5 width, the panel having a length to width aspect ratio of at least 3:1, the
6 workpiece-receiving panel having at least one exposed, longitudinal, open
7 edge, the panel being flat enough and the edge being open and unobstructed
8 enough that the panel is adapted to permit the panel to be slid along the
9 surface and under the workpieces for slidably receiving a row of multiple
10 workpieces, the workpiece-receiving panel, in an operable orientation of the
11 tool, being contoured to have an upwardly concave surface for containing
12 liquid on the panel;
- 13 b. an end support extending transversely from the panel; and
- 14 c. an elongated, hand-grippable, rigid handle attached to the end support and
15 extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, above the panel.
- 1 2. (canceled)
- 1 3. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~ wherein the panel
2 has longitudinal bends to form the concave contour.

1 4. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 ~~[[2]]~~ wherein the end
2 support includes a liquid impervious wall extending upwardly from the panel for
3 containing liquid on the panel and preventing spillage from end of the panel.

1 5. (previously presented) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel
2 has parallel, laterally opposite, linear, open edges adapted to permit either edge of the
3 panel to be slid along the surface and under the workpieces for engaging the workpiece
4 supporting surface.

1 6. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the handle extends
2 substantially the entire length of the panel.

1 7. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising a second
2 end support also extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, upwardly from the
3 panel, wherein both end supports includes a liquid impervious wall extending upwardly
4 adjacent the panel for containing liquid on the panel and preventing spillage from ends of
5 the panel.

1 8. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the handle extends
2 between and is attached at its opposite ends to the end supports.

1 9. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 8, wherein the workpiece-receiving
2 panel, in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave
3 surface for containing liquid on the panel.

1 10. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has
2 longitudinal bends to form the concave contour.

1 11. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has parallel,
2 laterally opposite, linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface.

1 12. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 11 wherein the handle is parallel to
2 the panel.

1 13. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 12 wherein the panel, end supports
2 and handle are formed integrally.

1 14. (canceled)

1 15. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 14, wherein the
2 workpiece-receiving panel, ~~in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an~~
3 ~~upwardly concave surface for containing liquid on the panel and~~ has parallel, laterally
4 opposite, linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface, a second end

5 support also extends transversely from the panel, wherein both end supports include a
6 liquid impervious wall extending upwardly from the panel for containing liquid on the
7 panel and preventing spillage from ends of the panel, and wherein the handle is attached
8 at its opposite ends to the end supports.

1 16. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 14 wherein the panel
2 has a length to width aspect ratio of at least 4:1.

1 17. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 16 14 wherein the panel
2 has a length to width aspect ratio of at least 5:1.

1 18. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 for use for transporting a row of
2 food workpieces from a first location on a grill cooking surface to a second location, the
3 grill cooking surface having a width, wherein the length of the workpiece-receiving panel
4 is at least 50% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 19. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 18, wherein the grill has a wall
2 running along and extending above the grill cooking surface for retaining the food
3 workpieces against lateral sliding on the grill surface when the panel is slid under the
4 food workpieces and toward the wall.

1 20. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 19 wherein the length of the
2 workpiece-receiving panel is at least 80% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 21. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 20 wherein the length of the
2 workpiece-receiving panel is substantially the same as the width of the grill cooking
3 surface.

1 22. (currently amended) A transfer tool for lifting from a support surface and transporting
2 a row of workpieces positioned on the surface to another location, the tool
3 comprising:

4 a. an elongated, rigid, workpiece-receiving panel having an aspect ratio of at
5 least 3:1 ~~a length greater than its width~~, the workpiece-receiving panel having
6 at least one exposed, longitudinal, unobstructed edge adapted to permit the
7 panel to be slid along the surface and under the workpieces for slidably
8 receiving a row of multiple workpieces, the workpiece-receiving panel, in an
9 operable orientation of the tool, being contoured to have an upwardly concave
10 surface for containing liquid on the panel;

11 b. an end support extending transversely from the panel; and

12 c. an elongated, hand-grippable, rigid handle attached to the end support and
13 extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, above the panel.

1 23. (previously presented) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 22 wherein the panel
2 has laterally opposite, linear, exposed, longitudinal, unobstructed edges adapted to permit
3 either edge of the panel to be slid along the surface and under the workpieces for slidably
4 receiving a row of multiple workpieces.

1 24. (previously presented) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 23 wherein the
2 laterally opposite edges are parallel.